

just need the ability to do that. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Chambers, you're next, followed by...that's right, amendments on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, the first amendment I have is from Senators Priester and Ashford. Senator Preister, I understand you want to withdraw this one and offer AM2580. (The Preister-Ashford amendment appears on page 2735 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there's no objections, it's so ordered. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Honorable President, thank you. Emperors, czars, commissars, Dukes of Withem, friends all, I rise with this amendment out of some concern. There was a vote and I appreciate the fact that this issue was put before a vote of the people. I appreciate the fact that there is need for parking in this area around the zoo and around the Rosenblatt Stadium. I also appreciate that there is a need for work to be done on the Civic Auditorium. In visiting with many of the people, and it was my district that voted more overwhelmingly in opposition to this raise in half-cent sales tax than any other in the city. And so, in talking to many of those constituents who I represent, their primary concern that I heard was that they really didn't believe that this tax would ever be repealed, that after one year it, like many taxes prior to it, would continue on and on and on, and they cite the city wheel tax in the City of Omaha that was only going to be a temporary tax and I have even heard from those people who said that the federal income tax which was supposed to be a tax to satisfy the debt of World War I is still going on. So one of the things that I'm hoping to do with this amendment is to actually show that in statute there is a cut-off date to this tax in the event that it does pass, and that remains to be seen. My amendment is printed on page 2552, for anyone who would like to look at it. I will read it. It's a simple amendment and it briefly states after, 12 months, inception of the increase or until December 31, 1994, whichever comes first; in effect, that this tax would then no longer be in effect at the end of 1994 from the date of inception. So in the event that it took two, three months to get it geared up, it would no longer be in effect in statute after that length of time or those 12 months. I'm not standing